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**Press Release**

**Troika and EU Missions Condemn Attacks  
on Civilians and UN Personnel**

Ambassadors of the Troika (U.S., UK, and Norway), Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the EU Delegation are profoundly concerned by the reports of the killing and injuring of civilians in Bentiu, Bor, and elsewhere, and condemn these atrocities in the strongest terms. Leaders of both sides in South Sudan's conflict must recognize that targeting civilians and UN personnel, whether by formal military units or informal "youth militias," is completely unacceptable and constitutes flagrant violations of the Cessation of Hostilities agreement to which both the government and rebels have signed. The Heads of Mission insist that both sides take immediate, proactive steps to prevent such violent acts. Those responsible for attacks against civilians, and otherwise violating the Cessation of Hostilities agreement, can be held accountable. We look to the IGAD-led Monitoring and Verification Mechanism to document such violations.

The Heads of Mission acknowledge assurances today by the Vice President of South Sudan, His Excellency James Wani Igga, that the Government of South Sudan actively welcomes the African Union Commission of Enquiry's investigation of allegations of atrocities levied against both sides, look forward to the prompt arrival of representatives of the Commission to begin their important work, and expect full cooperation with the Commissioners by all government and opposition authorities.

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